Town of Milton Historic Preservation Committee Minutes July 26, 2005

Members Present:

John Collier Marion Jones Matt Dotterer Larry Savage

Town Members: Eric Evans

John Collier introduced the application from Richard & Kathryn Dreasen in requesting a building permit for a new single-family home for 304 Mill Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel numbers 2-35-20.08 43.00 which is located in the Historic Overlay District.

Kathryn Dreason introduced herself and proceeded to explain they're desires for the property. Mrs Dreason stated that her and her husband wished to construct a Victorian cottage style house on the property. The house will be two stories with the 2nd floor being unfinished and built into the roof. There will be an open deck landing in the front with a side entrance and a rear deck. The windows are 6 over 6 except for the small ones. There are 2 windows that will be 4 over 4. Windows are white vinyl double sash. We would like to fence part of the property, it will be 6' on the side yards and 42" in front. The spindles on the decks will be painted. The setback will be 17' in the front. The house is vinyl with the front being vinyl shacks.

John Collier stated the area has an eclectic mix of houses. There are probably some homes on the street that would not be there if this code was in place prior to their construction. John asked if the skylights are in lieu of a dormer. Looking down the street they are out of character in my opinion. Do you have an alternative to these or are you pretty much hard fast to this design? Mrs. Dreason stated they are quality windows and John stated he is not questioning the quality but are they or do they represent the historic character of the area? John further stated this is a point and not a demand. Matt Dotterer also stated he was opposed to the skylights. Mr. Dreason stated the nearest skylight is about 30' from the road. Mr Dreason stated that if the future buyer wants an upgrade to the home they would be back before the Historic Board to install dormers. After further discussion from the Dreason's Attorney and the Committee Members the Historic Committee granted their request for a single-family home to build on the property as submitted according to the plans. It was stated by the members that they did not find favor in the skylights but felt they could not require the Dreason's to remove them from the home.

John Collier introduced the application from Pat and Diane Cicalia in requesting an exterior building permit for the property located at 118 Broad Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel numbers 2-35-14.19 81.01 which is located in the Historic Overlay District. Pat Cicalia introduced himself and proceeded to explain his request. He stated he would like to add a front porch onto his house, as he believes it was there when first built in the late 1800 to early 1900. He stated he was going to have scroll rafters, decorative columns and intends to keep it vary much historic looking. The Committee asked a few questions on the type of scroll and the

type of material and after discussing the requirements the plans were approved as presented with changes signed by the applicant.

John Collier introduced the application from Gregory Brown in requesting an exterior building permit for the property located at 114 Broad Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel numbers 2-35-14.19 80.00 which is located in the Historic Overlay District.

Gregory Brown introduced himself and proceeded to explain his request. He stated he would like to add a front porch onto his house also as he believes it was there when first built in the late 1800 to early 1900. Mr. Browns home and Mr. Cicilia's home are next to each other and they intend to keep the porches looking similar for the continuity purposes. He stated he was going to have scroll rafters, decorative columns and intends to keep it vary much historic looking. The Committee asked a few questions on the type of scroll and the type of material and after discussing the requirements the plans were approved as presented with changes signed by the applicant.

John Collier introduced the application from Richard Ashby in requesting an exterior building permit for the property located at 120 Federal Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel numbers 2-35-20.07 64.00 which is located in the Historic Overlay District. Richard Ashby stated he intended to make the house look nautical in style with the widow's walk railing on top of his house. The committee asked if he had access to the roof and Mr. Ashby stated he did and maybe in the future come back before the committee to add a room on the roof to replicate an actual widow tower. The Committee asked a few questions on the type of scroll and the type of material and after discussing the requirements the plans were approved as presented with changes signed by the applicant.

The Historic Preservation Committee was then closed.